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EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN SACRAMENTO

Sacramento – The 12th Annual Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Workshop, “The Continuing Challenge” will be held September 4-7, 2001 in Sacramento, at the Radisson Inn. This workshop, sponsored by the Sacramento City Fire Department, CDF Office of the State Fire Marshal, and numerous other federal, state and local government agencies, focuses on solutions to problems relating to hazardous materials emergencies.

The workshop was created to prepare fire, law and public health officials to respond safely to hazardous materials incidents, including the growing threat of destruction from terrorist related groups. Approximately 140 nationally recognized instructors, and over 900 emergency responders from all over the United States, Canada, and the Pacific Rim will participate in the largest workshop of its kind in the nation.

“Hands On” training in response to terrorism, hazardous materials, and static displays of emergency equipment will provide plenty of interesting footage for live or delayed broadcast!

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THE CONTINUING CHALLENGE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY

8:00-4:00 p.m Fun With Chemistry –live chemical reactions!

WEDNESDAY

1:30 – 3:30p.m. “Abbottville-Leak City” Haz Mat Simulation

5:00 p.m Emergency teams will compete in the Haz Mat Olympics events #1 and 2.

5:30 p.m Vendor Displays – Apparatus and equipment demos

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Hazardous Devices and Explosives (visuals of explosive devices)

8:30 –10:00 a.m., “Abbottville-Leak City” Haz Mat Simulation (haz mat teams in action)

12:00 “Name That Unknown” Chemical Field Classifying Contest

2:30-5:00 p.m. “Abbottville-Leak City” Haz Mat Simulation

5:00 p.m Emergency teams will compete in the Haz Mat Olympics events # 3 and 4.

7:00 p.m. Annual Awards Dinner featuring comedian “Father Guido Sarducci ”

FRIDAY

8:00-12:00 Media Relations at Mass Fatalities

8:00-10:00 Radioactive Easter Egg Hunt

12:00 p.m Emergency teams will compete in the final Haz Mat Olympics event.

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